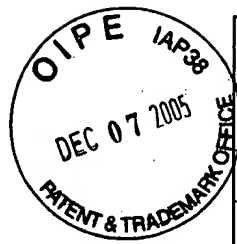


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 7, 2005, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Remarks.